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SUBJ: MOROCCAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT BEIRUT AND PEKING

1. MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AHMED LARAKI INFORMED ME MARCH 11 THAT HE WOULD BE LEAVING O/A MARCH 13 FOR BEIRUT, WHERE HE WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE. FROM BEIRUT, LARAKI PLANS TO TRAVEL TO PEKING. HE EXPECTS RETURN RABAT AROUND MARCH 25. IN PRESENTING LETTERS TO ABDERRAHIM HARAKAT, MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO PEKING, KING HASSAN REFERRED TO LARAKI'S IMPENDING TRIP AND DIPLOMATIC SOURCE HERE NOTES THAT VISIT HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR SOME TIME.

2. THIS IS FIRST VISIT BY CABINET-LEVEL OFFICIAL TO PEKING IN SOME YEARS, ALTHOUGH OTHER PROMINENT MOROCCANS HAVE BEEN THERE RECENTLY. SOCIALIST UNION LEADER BOUABID WAS IN PEKING IN JULY 1974 TO PLEAD MOROCCO'S SPANISH SAHARA CASE AND PRINCESS LAMIA SOLH, WIFE OF KING'S BROTHER, TOURED THERE IN MAY 1974. AT LEAST ONE BUSINESSMAN, OTHMAN BENJELLOUN OF VOLVO, WAS ALSO THERE IN LATE 1971.

3. ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FRONT, IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN JUNE 1974 THAT CHINESE WOULD BUILD SPORTS COMPLEX HERE.

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